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The United States furnishes 673,000 Freemasons and 647,471 Oddfellows, "with lodgeroom reasons for late hours and latch keys," according to the Chicago Herald.

The Chicago Herald says that captains of United States mail carrying steamship companies are expressing dissatisfaction as to the new United States mail pen-nant. They say it's too big.

In Switzerland very stringent laws exist for the protection of fruit trees from insects and other pests. No tree owner is allowed to treat his trees as he chooses, but a strict watch is kept over both amateur and professional horticulturists.

The London Spectator is "perfectly satisfied to see the United States take the Hawaiian Islands, as England would be able to capture them without any trouble in the event of war, and in times of peace it would be just as convenient a port as it was under a native dynasty."

Says the New York Press: The Nicaragua Canal will cut off an on average about one-half the distance between this port and 500,000,000 of people with whom we trade little and Great Britain trades much. The Suez Canal is in her favor now, and we cannot meet her or even terms on those markets till our ships can cross the Isthmus.

The death of General Beauregard leaves but one of the seven full Generals of the Southern Army living and none of the five men on whom the rank was conferred at the beginning of the war. These five men were Cooper, Lee, Joseph E. Johnston, Albert Sydney Johnston and Beauregard. Bragg and Kirby Smith were afterward made full Generals. Kirby Smith alone survives.

The fact that about 400 applications for patents were made last year by women is an indication to the New York Press of how thoroughly the gentler sex is entering into the practical activities of modern life. Many of these applications relate to such industries as textile manufactures and railway and electrical devices. The usefulness of the fair inventors is exhibited by the fact that among the products of their genius are improved braces, button hole fasteners, self attaching neckties, sleeve links and trousers splash preventers. Man is no longer sole lord of creation.

Poverty must indeed be bitter, muses the Chicago Herald, when its victims pledge their bodies for the dissection room in order to obtain a few shillings for food. This was one of the suggestions acted on at the gatherings of the unemployed at the east end, London, recently. It was represented that "subjects" are difficult to obtain and are quoted as high as \$50. It was proposed that the hungry men should sell their bodies in advance of death to the hospitals on condition of the present payment of \$5. It was feared, however, that the market would soon become overstocked.

Over Cleveland evidently thinks that type-written letters are not good form. This, at least, the New Orleans Picayune thinks, is the fair inference to be drawn from the following incident: A politician of National prominence the other day, wishing to urge the claims of a certain person for a cabinet position, dictated a letter for Mr. Cleveland to his typewriter, signed it and sent it away. Shortly afterward he received a reply, written in a somewhat crabbed, but distinct hand, which on examination proved to be an autograph of Mr. Cleveland. The gentleman has put the letter carefully away, and says that he will never again be guilty of sending Mr. Cleveland a type-written letter. The typewriter is very convenient, all the same, and a good deal more legible than most autographs.

A St. Louis man says that "it is a question just how far a silk hat and a supreme nerve will carry a man, but our people appear to yield readily to such influences. The best instance of this is Colonel Hale, of nowhere in particular, but who has a habit of blowing in with the spring breeze and promising things generally, much to his own interest. Colonel Hale blew into a rapidly growing Western town recently and quickly grasped the fact that there was no cable road. With everything gone but a silk hat and \$123, he spent \$100 for admission into a swell local hotel and proceeded to exist on the remaining \$23. He gathered about him the leading moneyed men and laid bare the schemes of millions in a cable road. He agreed to obtain the franchise and put it all through for \$30,000, part of which was to be paid down as a guarantee of good faith. Do you believe that that fellow dusted up his silk hat and attacked the aldermen next. By dint of promising and pompous appearance of wealth he secured an ordinance, was voted stock, drew what was coming to him and blew out again, leaving every one to wonder."

DIXIE NEWS.

The Beloved South Gleaned and Epitomized.

All the News and Occurrences Printed Here in Condensed Form.

Spartanburg and Greenville, S. C., will soon be connected by telephone.

Cora Reese, aged twelve years, of Scott county, Va., was married recently.

It is reported that George Vanderbilt has purchased Mt. Pisgah, near Asheville, and will build a hotel on its top.

Nearly 1,000,000 barrels of sweet potatoes are annually shipped from Accom county, Va.

At Charleston, S. C., Friday, the Savannah base ball club beat the Charleston club; score 9 to 4.

Governor Tillman has issued a requisition to bring back to South Carolina a man for stealing \$4.10 which had been entrusted to him to buy a postal money order.

Manchester, Va., with a population of more than 10,000, has but one candidate for Federal patronage—that of a student of the city.

A school boy 17 years of age, at Shelbyville, Ky., on account of his unrequited love for a girl school mate, laid his head on the track before an approaching train and was decapitated.

In the past 12 weeks 297,284 tons of Pocahontas coal have been hauled over the Norfolk & Western railroad, and shipped at Lambert Point, Va.

Mayor Ellis n. of Richmond, Va., is in New Orleans for the purpose of arranging for the removal of the remains of ex President Davis.

It is reported that George W. Vanderbilt has decided to build forty \$10,000 houses on his estate, near Asheville. This great outlay of money will be of great advantage to Asheville and Western Carolina.

Suits for \$207,000 have been filed against the city of Atlanta, Ga., by a people who claim that their land has been injured through miasma from the city dumping grounds.

The Secretary of the North Carolina Teachers' Assembly, has had up to date 400 applications to join the teachers' excursionists, who will go to Chicago to the World's Fair. It is estimated that over 1200 will go on the excursion.

A stranger hired a horse and buggy at Durham, N. C., the other day but never came back. The owner has learned that his buggy has probably been left near Lynchburg, Va.

The Fishermen's Alliance of Beaufort, N. C., offers a reward of \$10 for the recovery of the body of Mr. Karl Willis, of Beaufort, who was drowned near Beaufort.

The Florida orange crop this season will probably be the largest ever known. The trees are now in blossom, and are so full of bloom that should only half of them mature the trees would not hold the fruit without considerable propping and bracing.

Frank Mathes, colored, of Forsyth county, N. C., is probably the oldest citizen in that county, having celebrated his 109th birthday last October. He tells a pretty straight story about seeing Washington when he passed through Sal m, N. C., over 100 years ago.

Major John H. Winder, superintendent of the Georgia, Carolina and Northern Railroad, was at Abbeville, S. C., Wednesday closing the contract for the railroad with that town. The plant is to cost \$110,000, double what was originally expected.

The Durham and Charlotte Railroad Company, which has been chartered by the Legislature to build a railroad through the counties of Durham, Chatham, Moore, Montgomery, St. John, Cabarrus and Mecklenburg, is composed chiefly of Philadelphia capitalists. The company will buy out a railroad, ten miles of which is graded in Chatham and Moore counties. The total length of the road will be about 130 miles.

The crops down about Wightsville and Middle Sounds, N. C., are looking well. Radishes are almost ready for market, green peas, onions and beets are growing beautifully, asparagus is about ready for market and strawberries are fruiting freely. Captain E. W. Manning has shipped his first lot of asparagus, and strawberries will probably begin early in April, provided always, there is no untoward weather to set them back.

E. T. Powell of Wachapreague, treasurer of Accomack county, on the eastern shore of Virginia, will attend the Chicago Fair a solid mahogany chest of drawers more than 100 years old, and once the property of Mrs. Betty Custis of Accomack, through her husband related to the Custis family of Arlington.

The eastern shore counties of Virginia are peculiarly rich in old mahogany furniture, and almost every considerable house contains several pieces. The region is yet unspoiled of the relic hunter, and the people treasure these heirlooms.

12th Hour Items.

A. L. Kendall, of Atlanta, shot and killed himself in the presence of his wife and little son last Saturday night.

Wrecked by "wine, women and cards," Alfred Rheinhardt, manager of the Wheeling, W. Va., opera house, fled there and the town last Sunday.

Maj. R. L. Hagland, of Halifax county, Va., one of the most prominent farmers in the South, died Sunday morning, aged 70 years. He was the largest grower of tobacco seed in the world and his seeds are famous.

The oldest church existing in the United States is situated near Smithfield, Va. It was built in the reign of Charles I, between the years 1633 and 1635, the brick, lime and timber being imported from England. The timber is English oak, and was framed in England. It is a brick structure, erected in the most substantial manner. The mortar has become so hardened that it will strike fire in collision with steel.

Cotton Break for \$700,000.

NASHVILLE, TENN.—Dobbins & Dazey, cotton brokers, with branch houses in St. Louis, Jackson, Tenn., and New Orleans, filed a bill of assignment. Their liabilities are \$700,000.

AN ATTACK BY DESPERADOES.

Four Beset the Buncombe County Jailor for His Life and Their Liberty.

ASHEVILLE, N. C.—At noon Thursday when Jailer W. S. Jamison thrust the cell on the third floor of the county jail in which "Bud" Whitmore, John LeVellyn, A. H. Edwards and Bill Parham, white, were confined, to give them their dinner, all four sprang upon him and bore him to the floor of the cell. The jailor attempted to draw his pistol, but was prevented by the lining in his pocket.

Whitmore wrenched the keys from his hand and got possession of the jailor's pistol, and followed by LeVellyn, dashed down stairs, hoping to unlock the main door and make their escape, leaving the jailor struggling with Edwards and Parham. The jailor called to his wife, who was on the second floor, to shoot the escaping prisoners. She ran down stairs, got a pistol and returned to the jailor, but he had already escaped.

By this time the jailor had subdued Edwards and Parham; and, rushing down stairs, he got the pistol from his wife and forced Whitmore to give up the keys and pistol, and drove the men back to the cell. No one was hurt except Edwards, whose head was cut by the jailor with the lock which he carried into the cell.

11th Hour News.

Mrs. Lot Erving, of Buena Vista, Ga., aged 25, gave birth on the 16th to her thirteenth child.

All the receipts from South Carolina privilege tax tags, amounting now to over \$45,000, to the Clemson College.

The Asheville, N. C., aldermen have appointed a special Vaudeville committee to look after Buncombe's interest in getting that people to emigrate to that county.

The contract for the erection of the new Dime City Savings Bank, at Columbia, S. C., has been given out, and the work will be commenced on the building at once.

Governor McKinney, of Virginia, acting on the suggestion of the Governor of Arkansas, has invited the Governors of the Southern States to meet in Richmond April 12th, with a view to the general development of the South's resources.

The Mann-Arrington gold mine in Nash county, N. C., has resumed operations. During the Centennial Exposition in 1876 ores from this mine took the second prize. A considerable amount of new machinery has been purchased. The operators expect to produce 100,000 ounces of gold.

Three masked men held up the night operator at the Port Republic station Va., on the Norfolk and Western railroad Wednesday night and rifled the cash box. They carried away about \$20 in change, but overlooked an envelope containing a larger amount. They escaped, leaving no traces of their identity.

Oyster planting in Virginia waters has been much discouraged of late years by the fact that private oyster beds are not adequately protected. The law of Virginia permits any person twelve months resident of the State to take oysters from a natural bed, and forbids any person to make private property of such beds. Where private beds are not near natural deposits they are pretty safe from pirates, but where oysters have been planted in open water near the natural beds it is almost impossible to protect them.

The awarding of the contract for furniture for a schoolhouse in Harrisburg, Pa., to a manufacturer in Roanoke, Va., another striking illustration of the encroachment of Southern industries upon the North. Harrisburg is less than 100 miles from Williamsport, the greatest furniture manufacturing centre of the East, while Roanoke is over 300 miles distant. The placing of this contract with the Roanoke firm implies an advantage in that locality with which Pennsylvania manufacturers cannot compete. And this is but one instance of frequently occurring events of similar significance in many branches of Southern industry.

Carolinians in Washington.

WASHINGTON, D. C.—Thirteen good Democrats, who address the Vice President as "Cousin Adlai," are awaiting recognition. And only ten States have been heard from. The list, so far as ascertained, runs as follows: Cousin Davidson, of North Carolina; Cousin Henderson, of North Carolina; Cousin Brevard, of North Carolina; Cousin Davidson, of Florida; Cousin Davidson, No. 2, of Florida; Cousin Stevenson, of Virginia; Cousin Carson, of Tennessee; Cousin Ewing, of Kentucky; Cousin Stevenson, of California; Cousin McKenzie, of Kentucky; Cousin Ewing, of Illinois; Cousin Stevenson, of Texas; Cousin Stevenson, of Idaho. Just one Vice President's cousin has turned up with the announcement that he wants nothing. This notable exception is Cousin Pat Donan, of Devil's Lake, N. D. The relatives have all been up to see Cousin Adlai, and he has notified them that at some time during the coming week they are to be his guests at a little family reunion dinner. All but one or two of the cousins trace their connection with the Vice President through old Ephraim Brevard, the North Carolina patriot, who signed the Mecklenburg Declaration of Independence.

Death of Dr. Cullen, of Richmond.

RICHMOND, VA.—Dr. J. G. D. Cullen died here in the 61st year of his age. He was dean of the faculty of the Medical College of Virginia, and professor of surgery of that institution. He entered the Confederate army as surgeon of the 1st Virginia regiment and rose rapidly to the prominent rank of medical director of Gen. Longstreet's corps. During the battles around Richmond he was appointed on the field, by G. N. Lee, acting medical director of the army of Northern Virginia. He also served as medical director of Longstreet's army, in East Tennessee, in 1864.

Very respectfully,
J. Z. GEORGE.

Death of Col. Elliot F. Shepard.

NEW YORK.—Col. Elliot F. Shepard died at his residence at 4 o'clock Friday afternoon.

GEORGE ON COTTON.

Alabama's Senior Senator Addresses the Result of the Work of the U. S. Senate Agricultural Committee.

WASHINGTON, D. C.—The Senate, in April, 1892, passed a resolution instructing its committee on Agriculture to make an investigation with a view of ascertaining the cause of the depression in agricultural production existing at that time. Senator James George, of Mississippi, was made chairman of the sub-committee to investigate cotton. Alfred B. Shepperson was made secretary of Senator George's committee. The scope of the investigation is very broad, and covers the matter of cotton production and consumption in every country, with the cost of production, possibilities of extension of culture, etc.

The work of Senator George's committee will be completed by the next meeting of Congress. On account of the importance of the matter under consideration to cotton planters and the people of the South, Secretary Shepperson, chairman of the committee of Agriculture under the new organization of the Senate was requested to prepare the following for publication: To present the importance of cotton to the widest public.

'To the Cotton Farmers of the United States:

"In discharge of the duty imposed by the United States Senate on the committee on Agriculture, I have the honor to present to you the result of the work of the committee, which, though as yet incomplete, authorizes me to state the following conclusions:

"There are causes for this low price, coming from legislation now in force; and there are other causes coming from needful legislation yet to be enacted. It is certain, however, that these causes cannot be remedied without the aid of the price of the crop not about to be planted, even if, indeed, if their force can be substantially diminished. The cotton farmer must therefore for the present resort to such remedial measures for low prices as may come from their own action, independent of legislation.

"The last crop (1891-92) has brought a higher price than any preceding one. This resulted from the fact that it was much smaller. The price would have been higher if there had not been a large surplus over the average consumption, coming from the very large crop of the preceding year (1890-91).

"The natural rise in prices of the crop now being marketed has been largely impeded by the great strike among the operatives in the cotton factories of England. In this strike 500,000 operatives were out of work. The effect of this strike, up to this date, has been to decrease the amount consumed by the British factories since September 1st, 525,000 bales and is likely to amount in the near future to more than 1,000,000.

"In addition, this decrease in the demand has been further increased by the fact that the price of cotton, which is the same thing, prevented the full rise which would otherwise have come from the small crop. American spinners carried over from last season an unusually large stock of cotton, having bought heavily at the low prices prevailing in the spring and summer; and, while doing an exceptionally good business, they have taken, so far, 350,000 bales less than for the same period during last season. This, also, increased the surplus of cotton coming from an increased acreage, if that should happen, would not only be an effective bar to any rise in the price, but would cause a still further decline so that now the cotton raisers of the South are confronted with this serious question for solution: Shall we, by increased acreage in the crop now being planted, as compared with the acreage of the last season, raise a crop of 9,000,000 or 10,000,000 bales and thereby give a fall to the low prices of 1891-92 and perhaps even lower, or will we, by reducing the acreage to the extent necessary to raise all our food and forage crops and work animals, especially our meat, corn, hogs and mules, increase the price of our cotton crop, and at the same time diminish the uses of the proceeds of the crop by a larger reduction in the amount heretofore applied to the purchase of supplies?

"There can be but one answer to this question in the minds of thoughtful men. If it be said that among so numerous a class as cotton raisers it will be impossible to get up an agreement which will result in combined action to plant a reduced acreage in cotton, and if this be conceded, then the situation appeals with still stronger force to each individual farmer to decrease his own crop to the extent needful to raise his supplies. For in case there shall not be such diminution in the acreage as to affect materially the price, so that the next crop is to be a low-priced one, the advantage to him who has wisely raised his own supplies will be clear and manifest. He will not be forced to buy high priced supplies with the scant proceeds of low-priced cotton. These proceeds will then be in the main, surplus or nearly so.

"On the other hand, if there shall be such a general movement in the direction of raising a crop so much smaller as to raise the price, then all who contribute to it in the manner herein indicated will enjoy this increased price as the result of their own wise action, and at the same time be exempt from expenditures for supplies which they have so raised.

"After much reflection, upon data collected from all the countries adapted to raising cotton, I am satisfied of this painful truth: That we are never, at least in this generation, to have generally the high prices for cotton we once had. Cotton will never, except in exceptional cases, and for short periods, be high enough to warrant the producer in relying upon it as a means of purchasing supplies which can be raised at home.

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DAYLIGHT AHEAD.

The Richmond Terminal System at Last to Be Put on Its Feet.

NEW YORK.—The reorganization of the big Richmond Terminal system of more than 8,000 miles by Drexel, Morgan & Company may now be said to be assured. The plan is about ready and will be announced any day. One of the first steps toward restoring order out of chaos will be the appointment of a receiver of the Richmond & Danville Railroad, who will represent Drexel, Morgan & Co and be independent of either faction in the company.

Samuel Spencer, who is connected with the banking firm, will be selected for the position. It is understood that Receiver Reuben Foster is to be the one to receive the Receiver's funds.

The firm will have complete access to the books and all necessary legal steps can be taken without interruption. There have been extensive preparations for the reorganization of the banking firm, and the firm will be ready to take charge of all of the prominent men who have been associated with the management in recent times have willingly submitted to questioning and agreed to submit to any plan suggested.

Convicted of Murder and Raped.

COLUMBIA, S. C.—Wade Haines, who was to have been hung Friday for the murder of Miss Hornsby, a white girl, was reprieved shortly before the hour set for the execution. Governor Tillman visited Haines in his cell, but would make no statement to the press concerning his intentions. Public opinion is very much divided as to Haines' guilt, and the Governor has given the case unusual attention.

Miss Hornsby was murdered with a knife near her home on the outskirts of the city, and Haines reported finding the body and went back with those he supposed to be his friends, but he had actually asserted his innocence, although the people of the neighborhood where the crime was committed are fully persuaded of his guilt. The reprieve is for a month.

The Bees Won the Fight.

News reached the press of a remarkable fight in Cleveland county, N. C., near the South Carolina line. Two men, named Trout and Hutchins, were removing a beehive, about which they had wrapped a cloth. Two men named McDaniel met them, and a quarrel and fight followed. Hutchins struck the cloth from the beehive, and the bees came out, but the live in front as he advanced toward the McDaniels. The bees poured out and stung the Hutchins, who retreated. One of them shot Hutchins in the shoulder, but he advanced with his novel fighting gun, and aided by the bees, drove the McDaniels over the line into South Carolina.

Largest Fruit Farm in the World.

Howell county, Missouri, will soon have the largest fruit farm in the world, if it has not already that honor. A company has been organized by South Bend, Evansville and Springfield capitalists for the purpose of converting 12,000 acres near Brandsville into an immense fruit farm, work to commence within thirty days. There is plenty of money backing the scheme. The company proposes to build a cold storage plant, evaporator and distillery. The land is situated on the line of the Gulf road and is the most desirable location in the county.—St. Louis Republic.

"Passed Over the River" to His Friend.

LEXINGTON, VA.—Dr. H. T. Barton is dead, aged 70 years. When Stonewall Jackson was a professor at the Virginia Military Institute, before he won military fame, Dr. Barton was his intimate friend for some years. After the war Dr. Barton was the surgeon of the Virginia Military Institute and will be recalled by hundreds of old cadets all over the country.

Two Young Men Lose Their Lives in a Fire.

NASHVILLE, TENN.—Fire at Athens, Ala., early Monday morning destroyed several stores and small buildings. The damage will not exceed \$60,000. William Chandler, of McKenzie, Tenn., a student at the Alabama Agricultural College, and Owen Brown, of Athens, were caught under falling walls and crushed to death.

Southern Grocers in Session.

ST. LOUIS, MO.—The Southern Wholesale Grocery Association began its second annual convention in the Lindell Hotel. About 20 delegates were in attendance. Mayor Nixon welcomed the delegates, after which President J. H. Martin, of Memphis, read his annual address.

Monte Carlo Counts Two More Victims.

NICE, ITALY.—Two men from New Orleans committed suicide on the Casino grounds at Monte Carlo Friday night. Their names are given as Weill and Robb. They had been playing heavily at the Casino for several days, and on Wednesday and Thursday lost enormous sums.

Carolina Truck Farmers Taking Action.

CHARLESTON, S. C.—The Truck Farmers' Association met here and took steps for applying to the inter-State commerce commission for a reduction of rates on suits and vegetables to Northern points. They have called on Northern dealers to join in their application.

Carlisle Presents the Life Saving Medal.

WASHINGTON, D. C.—Secretary Carlisle, in an appropriate letter of eulogy, transmitted the gold life saving medal to W. G. Lee, of Savannah, Ga., for saving from drowning at various times eight persons.

Death of the Commandant.

CHARLESTON, S. C.—First Lieutenant John A. Towers of the second United States artillery, and commandant of the cadets of the South Carolina Military Academy, died at his father's residence in Anderson, S. C., Thursday.

STORM SWEEP STATES.

Much Life and Property Destroyed. Tennessee, Mississippi and Kentucky in the Path of a Cyclone.

MEMPHIS, TENN.—The path of the cyclone, which entered Tennessee at a westerly direction from Mississippi, appears to have been about twenty miles in width, although the serious damage is confined to a much smaller area. The wires are down in all directions, and there is no telegraphic communication with Nashville and its surrounding points and little news is obtainable from places visited by the cyclone.

This city barely escaped. A heavy rain fell and a high wind blew at the time the cyclone raged and it became as dark as night for thirty minutes. Heavy damage was done to trees and small out buildings.

A train from Birmingham, Ala., reports much damage between it and Indian, twenty miles east. Not a house escaped the storm's fury and only a few are left standing, and they were damaged. The house of Roland Cox was lifted and bodily blown away. The house of Robert Stevens was levelled to a heap of ruins.

The residence of D. N. Hays, a wealthy planter, was wrecked, and the houses of four of his tenants were blown away. Three houses belonging to S. H. Huggins were blown down. The wind indulged in a queer freak with the dwelling house of W. C. Pagg. Formerly it faced north; it still stands, in a damaged condition, but now faces south.

Vicksburg, Miss.—Additional cyclone news received from Memphis says that the storm spent its force between Tunica and Shaw station, which are about 70 miles apart and on the railroad. At Shaw some stores were blown down and a few citizens wounded.

At Tunica the court house was seriously damaged, a church and other buildings destroyed and a schoolhouse full of negro children was blown to pieces. Many of the children were hurt but none killed. It will be a day or two before the full extent of the disaster is known.

Nashville, Tenn.—A severe wind and rain storm swept over Nashville, doing much damage in the northern part of the city. In South Nashville a store filled with people was blown down and a number injured. One boy was killed and another badly hurt.

Bowling Green, Ky.—A terrible cyclone passed over this city and great damage was done. The Louisville & Nashville round house was totally wrecked. About fifteen engines of the Louisville and Nashville Railroad Company were badly damaged, but no lives are thought to have been lost. William Ford's new building, one of the new mansions of the city, was unroofed, as were many others.

WISE WORD.

Plain living is long living.

Matrimony comes in sealed packages.

Pleasure is narrow; happiness is wide.

A woman is never afraid of a brave man.

Avare is green persimmons to the soul.

The wise man holds his tongue in his hand.

There is no telling what the world would have been like if woman had been created first instead of last.

Great men are they who see that spiritual is stronger than any material force; that thoughts rule the world. Men say, Ah! if a man could impart his talent, instead of his performance, what mountains of guineas would be paid! Yes, but in the measure of his absolute veracity he does impart it.

The unity in this web of contractions is its great wonder. How if this unity prove to be the law of which the oppositions are but one clause? How if the perfect unity were only attainable through the freedom of the natural diversity? And what is the substance and sum of this fundamental agreement? The desire of good, the progressive conception of which marks, more than anything else, the progress of the race.

Life is a succession of lessons which must be lived to be understood. All is riddle, and the key to riddle is another riddle. There are as many pillars of illusion as flakes in a snowstorm. We wake from one dream into another dream. The toys, to be sure, are various, and are graduated in refinement to the quality of the dupe. The intellectual man requires a fine bait; the sots are easily amused. But everybody is drugged with his own frenzy, and the pageant marches at all hours, with music and banner and badge.

A Remarkable Hole in the Rocks.

In Ireland, near Horn Head, in County Donegal, there is a remarkable natural hole in the rocks of the seacoast, which is known all over Britain as "McSwiney's gun."

It is believed to be connected with a sea cavern. When the sea "runs full" the "gun" sends up jets of water to a height of more than one hundred feet, each spouting being followed and preceded by loud explosions.

The "gun" is a perfectly smooth hole about ten inches in diameter, and its history can be traced back to the first settling of the country. No one seems to know, however, how it got the name of "McSwiney's gun."—Chicago Herald.

An Ancient Remedy.

M. de Mely, a French grape grower and something of a classical scholar, discovered that Strabo had described a method of treating diseased vines with petroleum. He determined to try it on his phylloxera-smitten vineyard. He met with a success that delighted him, and at a recent meeting of the French Academy of Sciences, he exhibited healthy shoots grown from stocks rendered barren by phylloxera, giving statistics of his experiments that leave no doubt of the success of the method. It appears that the ancients knew a thing or two.—New Orleans Picayune.

Cleveland Sends in a Batch of Appointments.

The Senate Confirms a Lot of Nominations.

President Cleveland sent the following nominations to the United States Senate: James B. Eustis, of Louisiana, to be Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary of the United States to France; Theodore Runyon, of New Jersey, to be Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary of the United States to Germany; Wade Hampton, of South Carolina, to be Commissioner of Railroads; John E. Risley, of New York, to be Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary of the United States to Denmark; James G. Jenkins, of Wisconsin, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Seventh Circuit.



JAMES B. EUSTIS. Judicial Circuit, Walter D. Dabney, of Virginia, to be Solicitor for the Department of State; Charles B. Stuart, of Texas, to be Judge of the United States Court for the Ninth Circuit; David C. Gentry, of Mississippi, to be United States Marshal for the Northern district of Mississippi; William H. Hawkins, of Indiana, United States Marshal for the district of Indiana; Abner Gaines, of Arkansas, United States Marshal for the Eastern district of Arkansas; Frank B. Burke, of Indiana, to be United States Attorney for the District of Indiana; Clifford L. Jackson, of the Indian Territory, to be Attorney of the United States Court for the Indian Territory; James W. House, of Arkansas, United States Attorney for the Eastern district of Arkansas; Ernest P. Baldwin, of Maryland, to be First Auditor of the Treasury; Thomas Holcomb, of Delaware, to be Fifth Auditor of the Treasury; James B. Eustis, appointed Minister to France, is a native of New Orleans, La., and is fifty-nine years old. Attended Harvard Law School, 1833-34. He was in the Confederate service first as Judge Advocate on General Johnston's staff, later, to close of war, on General Johnston's staff. Served in State Legislature prior to reconstruction. Was United States Senator from December 10, 1877, to March 3, 1878. Then became Professor of Civil Law in the University of Louisiana, but was again elected to the United States Senate in 1884, for the term ending March 3, 1891. Theodore Runyon is one of the prominent figures of New Jersey Democracy, and a man of pronounced ability. For ten years he was Chancellor of the State, and has been its candidate for Governor, at one time during the war.

